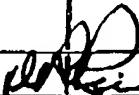


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<p>As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled above and described in:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the specification to be filed herewith.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the application identified above.  <input type="checkbox"/> the patent identified above.</p> <p>I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).</p> <p>Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No such person, concern or organization exists.  <input type="checkbox"/> Each such person, concern or organization is listed below.</p> <p><b>*NOTE:</b> Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">FULL NAME</td> <td colspan="3" style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">ADDRESS</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Individual</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">FULL NAME</td> <td colspan="3" style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">ADDRESS</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Individual</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">FULL NAME</td> <td colspan="3" style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">ADDRESS</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Individual</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">FULL NAME</td> <td colspan="3" style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">ADDRESS</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Individual</td> <td style="width: 25%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern</td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization</td> </tr> </table>					FULL NAME				ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	FULL NAME				ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	FULL NAME				ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	FULL NAME				ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization
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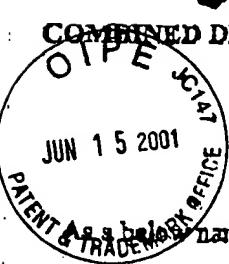
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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE**, the specification of which  is attached hereto  was filed on 12 February 2001 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/780,940 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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